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SUBJECT: IDC IRON AND STEEL PROJECT

REF: POS 2454; POS 2486

ALSO FOR COMMERCE/MEPD

1. I RECEIVED ARMCO'S CABLED INVITATION FOR GOTT DELEGATION TO VIST ARMCO IN HOUSTON OCTOBER 17, AND WRITTEN LETTER OF INVITATION WAS DELIVERED TO MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE MAHABIR ON OCTOBER 21 (OCTOBER 18 WAS A LOCAL HOLIDAY). I EXTENDED THE INVITATION TO PRIME MINISTER WILLIAMS, MINISTER MAHABIR AND OTHER MEMBERS OF GOTT DELEGATION. ON OCTOBER 23, THE PRIME MINISTER TOLD ME THAT HE WOULD BE PLEASED TO MEET WITH SENIOR ARMCO OFFICIALS, EITHER IN HOUSTON OR ELSEWHERE DURING HIS STAY IN THE U.S., IF HE COULD FIT IT INTO HIS SCHEDULE BUT THAT HE WAS NOT INTERESTED IN TOURING THE DIRECT REDUCTION FACILITY HIMSELF. HE IMPLIED, HOWEVER, THAT OTHER MEMBERS OF HIS DELEGATION WOULD BE INTERESTED IN VISITING THE HOUSTON FACILITIES. WHEN THE DELEGATION DEPARTED THIS MORNING, MAHABIR TOLD ME THAT THEY WILL ATTEMPT TO CONTACT ARMCO (PROBABLY MR. ROSE) DURING THEIR STAY IN THE U.S.

2. COMMENT: MY IMPRESSION IS THAT ARMCO'S INVITATION WAS FAVORABLY RECEIVED, AND I URGE THAT EFFORTS BE MADE TO ARRANGE A MEETING BETWEEN THE PRIME MINISTER AND MR. ROSE OR OTHER SENIOR ARMCO OFFICIALS, IN ADDITION TO A PLANT VISIT FOR OTHER MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION.

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FYI ONLY: PRIME MINISTER CONFIRMED TO ME THAT HE HAD MET

PERSONALLY WITH WILLY KORF DURING VISIT TO GERMANY THIS JULY.
A CONFIDENT OF THE PM TOLD ME SEPARATELY THAT TRIP TO JAPAN
INVOLVES AGREEMENT TO ESTABLISH A LABOR-INTENSIVE ELECTRONIC
ASSEMBLY INDUSTRY IN TRINIDAD; THUS I CONCLUDE THAT FINAL
DECISION ON IRON AND STEEL PROJECT MAY NOT BE MADE DURING
THAT VISIT, AND EFFORTS BY ARMCO TO MEET WITH GOTT DELEGATION
COULD PROVE REWARDING. END FYI.
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